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NO-COST SUMMER CLINIC SERVICES FOR STUDENTS STARTING JUNE 5

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What better way to ease into summer vacation than to ensure all your child's back to school immunizations and physicals are taken care of?

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) is offering its annual Back to School health clinic services to students, kindergarten through grade 12, to prepare for the 2018-19 school year.

Beginning on Tuesday, June 5, DOH-Pinellas' school-based clinics will provide school, sports and well child physicals, including immunizations, at no cost for clients who have limited income or no health insurance. Vision screenings, provided by Preserve Vision Florida, as well as assistance for glasses and exams (for qualifying clients) will be available. Basic dental services to include oral health assessments, oral hygiene instructions, dental sealants, fluoride treatments and referral to a dental home, if needed, at no cost.



The services will be provided at no cost by appointment only between 8 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

- **Pinellas Park High School Clinic:** 6305 118th Ave N.
Monday through Thursday, June 5 to June 29, and July 24 to Aug. 8 (except July 26)
- **Northeast High School Clinic:** 5500 16th St. N.
Monday through Thursday, June 5 to June 29, and July 24 to Aug. 8
- **Gibbs High School Clinic:** 850 34th St. S.
Monday through Thursday, July 9 to Aug. 8
- **Boca Ciega High School Clinic:** 924 58th St. S.
Monday through Thursday, July 24 to Aug. 8

For appointments, call (727) 824-6900 and select menu option 4. A parent or guardian must bring the child's immunization record and accompany the child to receive services. If the parent is not present, a consent must be obtained prior to receiving services.

All Pinellas children entering kindergarten on August 13, 2018 must provide proof of the following immunizations:

- 4-5 doses DTaP (Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 3-5 doses Inactivated Polio (IPV)
- 2 doses MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox) or documented evidence of chickenpox disease

All Pinellas children entering 7th grade need to present proof of a Tdap vaccination. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines are not required; however, the HPV vaccine is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 11 to 12-year-olds. All kids who are 11 or 12 years old should get two shots of HPV vaccine six to twelve months apart. Adolescents who receive their two shots less than five months apart will require a third dose of HPV vaccine.

A completed Certificate of Immunization from the Florida Department of Health (DH 680) is issued when the student has received all required immunizations. All immunization dates or exemptions must be on this form.

All Pinellas children entering kindergarten on August 13 are also required to present a school entrance physical, dated within one year of school enrollment.

Thanks to DOH-Pinellas and its community partners, parents can get all their child's back to school needs in one stop. Beat the rush and get a head start so students can begin school on time; healthy and ready to learn on August 13.

For more information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com or follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyPinellas](https://twitter.com/HealthyPinellas).

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